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E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: ACOM, ASEC

SUBJECT: RADIO EQUIPMENT COLOMBIA

1. DUE CONTINUING SECURITY PROBLEMS, POST CONCERNED THAT IN ANY REAL EMERGENCY, EMBASSY AND CONSTITUENT POSTS MAY BE FOUND LACKING IN ADEQUATE COMMUNICATIONS. WE THEREFORE REQUEST URGENT ACTION RE FOLLOWING:

A. EXPEDITE PROCUREMENT, SHIPMENT AND INSTALLATION OF RADIO EQUIPMENT BARRANQUILLA (STATE 5584) AND FURTHER PROVIDE 4 PR 36'S WITH HOUSE CHARGERS FOR USE CONSULATE PERSONNEL WHEN MOBILE.

?. PROVIDE CALI WITH 4 NH 36'S TO BE LOCATED IN RESIDENCES TO IMPROVE TRANSMISSION RANGE. CALI PRESENTLY HAS PR 36'S WHICH CAN BE USED WHEN STAFF MOBILE.

C. PROVIDE MEDELLIN WITH 4 PR 36'S FOR USE WHEN MOBILE. MEDELLIN HAS HN 36'S IN RESIDENCES.

\$. EXPEDITE BOGOTA'S REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PR 36'S (STATE 5584).
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2. SINCE CONSULATES HAVE EACH ONLY ONE OFFICIAL VEHICLE, POV'S ARE USED NOT ONLY FOR PERSONAL TRAVEL BUT OFFICIAL AS WELL, AND IF EACH CONSULATE HAS RADIOS IN RESIDENCES AND UNITS THAT CAN BE CARRIED ABOUT, BOTH REAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SECURITY WILL BE IMPROVED. (ABOVE NUMBERS WOULD ALLOW ONE SPARE)

3. POST PERSONNEL NOT UP-TO-DATE ON NEW EQUIPMENT THAT MIGHT BE AVAILABLE, NOR TECHNICALLY COMPETENT TO MAKE VALID SUGGESTIONS FOR OVERCOMING GEOGRAPICAL BARRIERS (WHICH EXIST ALL LOCATIONS) TO IMPROVE TRANSMISSION RANGE. POST THEREFORE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY HELP THAT DEPARTMENT CAN OFFER, I.E. SECURITY/RADIO SURVEY, ADVICE, SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO UPGRADE OR IMPROVE PRESENT SYSTEM TO PROVIDE MORE SATISFYING SECURITY.
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